

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) A system for accessing, at a consultation station, information associated with rights to use said information, the use rights being expressed in a particular rights expression language, the consultation station including use rights recovery means adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information, which system includes

a use rights adaptation unit including

means for receiving use rights data associated with the information to be accessed; and

means for analyzing said use rights data to determine

said particular rights expression language in which said use rights associated with said information are expressed, the user rights adaptation unit being associated with means for determining the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station, and further including

means for comparing the said particular rights expression language with the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station to determine if said particular right expression language is recognized by said recovery means; and

use rights conversion means for converting the use rights associated with said information when expressed in a language that is not recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station from said particular language in which the use rights associated with the information are expressed to another language selected from the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means of the consultation station.

12. (previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein the use rights adaptation unit includes said means for determining the one or more rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station and wherein said means for determining the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means comprises means for remotely interrogating the recovery means.

13. (previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said means for determining the one or more rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station include means for declaring to said adaptation unit the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means.

14. (previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said information and said associated use rights are stored in the same information server connected to said consultation station and to said adaptation unit via an information transfer network.

15. (previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said information is stored on an information server and said use rights associated with the information are stored on a rights management server, said information server, said rights management server, said consultation station and said adaptation unit being interconnected via an information transfer network, and said information including information as to the location of said rights management server to enable said consultation station to interrogate said rights management server in order to receive the rights associated with said information.

16. (previously presented) A system according to claim 14, including a plurality of consultation stations connected to said information server through said information transfer network via a plurality of network nodes and a plurality of adaptation units integrated into each of the nodes connected directly to said consultation station.

17. (previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said consultation station is connected to said adaptation unit via a mobile telecommunication network and an information transfer network and said networks are connected by a gateway including information conversion means adapted to convert the information between said mobile telecommunication network and said information transfer network.

18. (previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said consultation station is mobile and said recovery means are adapted to recognize the DRMREL rights expression language.

19. (previously presented) A system according to claim 18, wherein said rights associated with said information to be sent are expressed in the MPEG-21 rights expression language.

20. (previously presented) A method of accessing, at a consultation station, information associated with rights to use that information, the use rights being expressed in a particular rights expression language, the consultation station including use rights recovery means adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information, which method includes a use rights adaptation unit performing the steps of:

receiving use rights data associated with the information to be accessed;

analysing said use rights data to determine the expression language of said rights;

determining the one or more use right expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station;

comparing the said particular rights expression language with the one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means of said consultation station to determine if said particular right expression language is recognised by said recovery means; and

if said particular right expression language expression is not recognised by said recovery means converting said use rights associated with said information in into another language selected from the one or more languages recognized by said recovery means; and

sending said converted rights to said consultation station.

21. (currently amended) A consultation station adapted to consult information associated with rights to use said information, the use rights being expressed in a particular language, including use rights recovery means adapted to recognize use rights expressed in one or more different languages in order to access said information, which consultation station includes means for declaring a list of one or more use rights expression languages recognized by said recovery means with a priority order, to a use rights adaptation unit in order to receive from the said rights adaptation unit converted use rights associated with said information, the conversion being done according to one of the rights expression language of the transmitted list and according to the priority order.